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PROBLEM

To acquire buildings and land for the Technical Services Laboratory of the Technical Services Staff.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

The needs of the Technical Services Laboratory are twofold: adequate laboratory and shop facilities, and a [redacted] The TSL presently functions at two widely separated sites [redacted] operated under the [redacted] and [redacted] When [redacted] was authorized it was on the understanding that it was an interim measure. No TSS personnel are permanently assigned there, the work being done by a TSS contractor and his sub-contractors who do work for both TSS and Army Ordnance. This work for TSS is gradually being completed and TSS's need for [redacted] is being correspondingly reduced. The capital funds invested by TSS in buildings and facilities will be of use to the Office of Logistics which shares the Station with Army and TSS. [redacted] affords only some 3,500 square feet of space which is not only inadequate for the operation of equipment at hand but prevents the installation and use of equipment which is warehoused for want of installation space. Use of the [redacted] is shared with many different elements of the Navy and testings under secure conditions are difficult. Further, Navy has indicated that in time of war the [redacted] [redacted] could be expanded and CIA would be required to vacate. TSS submitted a request for [redacted] to acquire land and construct buildings. Funds are available in the DD/P FY 1954 allocation.

ACTION

At its meeting on 31 March 1954 the Project Review Committee agreed that TSS does need a permanent laboratory installation and approved the ceiling amount of [redacted] for the construction of laboratory buildings. In giving its approval it was understood by the Committee that the buildings would be erected on CIA-owned property and that the sites of the buildings and the [redacted] would be decided by agreement between DD/P and DD/A.

On 1 April 1954 the Acting Deputy Director (Administration) discussed the proposed construction with a representative of the Bureau of the Budget who said that the Bureau would interpose no objection provided the project is initiated within FY 1954 and does not affect the FY 1954 Contingency Reserve.

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Subsequent to the 31 March 1954 action by the Project Review Committee the anticipated cost of the construction proposed by TSS was studied by the Logistics Office which calculated the cost at approximately [redacted] Through the Army Engineers the possibility of locating the installation at [redacted] was investigated and found feasible.

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The Project was discussed at the Deputies' meeting on 12 April 1954 and later between the Deputy Director, the Acting DD/A and the Chief of TSS, agreement being reached that the laboratory at the estimated cost of [redacted] should be located at [redacted] The Director concurred.

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RECOMMENDATION

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That the Director approve the obligation of [redacted] for FY 1954 funds for the construction of laboratory buildings for TSS to be built at [redacted], approval being contingent on a satisfactory arrangement with the Department of Defense.

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